



DIVISION OF MINES
BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

ADVANCED FIRST AID INSTRUCTOR

Article 3 of the Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia establishes requirements for certification of coal mine workers. The certification requirements are included in §45.1-161.24 through §45.1-161.41 in which the Board of Coal Mining Examiners is established for the purpose of administering the certification program. The Board has promulgated certification regulations 4 VAC 25-20, which set the minimum standards and procedures required for Virginia coal miner examinations and certifications.

CERTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION: *Advanced First Aid Instructor*

This certification authorizes the holder to conduct required advanced first aid classes to meet the Requirement of §45.1-161.199.

APPLICATION/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Application (BCME-1) and \$10.00 fee 5 working days prior to examination if examination is required
- Hold a valid First Aid certification from the American Red Cross, National Safety Council, Virginia Emergency Medical Services
- Possess CPR Instructor Certification (American Heart Association or American Red Cross) or schedule training by a certified CPR instructor
- Attend 8 hour Instructor Equivalency Training Course conducted by a DM certified Advanced First Aid Instructor

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS: Applicants who have adequate first aid training and instructor experience will not be required to take an examination. Individuals wishing to become certified to teach Advanced First Aid but have no valid card must complete requirements as determined by the Chief. **All instructors will be monitored by a DM Representative prior to issuance of Advanced First Aid Instructor certification and those may be asked to co-teach a class with a DM instructor.**

PRIOR TO CONDUCTING A CLASS:

- Instructors must have completed all Board of Coal Mining Examiners requirements for Advanced First Aid Instructor certification except "Monitoring."
- **Notify the Regulatory Boards Administrator in writing, at least 10 working days prior to class:**
 - Instructor's name
 - Social Security No.
 - Projected number of students (if possible)
 - Location, date, time of scheduled class

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PRIOR TO COMPLETING CLASS:

- Provide Regulatory Boards Administrator with class roster and schedule a tentative examination date
- Have students complete application DM-BCME-1 and submit \$10.00 fee (checks made payable to Treasurer of Virginia)
- Submit DM-BCME-5 Advanced First Aid Practical Stations and CPR (written and practical) to DM at end of class or on exam date
- Student attendance sheet must be submitted by instructor at the end of class or on exam date. This must contain student's name, address and each date attended.

RECOMMENDED REFERENCE/STUDY MATERIALS:

- American Red Cross - Emergency Response Manual
- Advanced First Aid Instructor's Guide
- BCME Requirements

The above mentioned study materials are available at the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy's Big Stone Gap Office, Customer Assistance Center (276) 523-8233 and Keen Mountain Field Office (276) 498-4533.

***Applicant shall maintain certification through teaching one initial or refresher first aid training course for DMME within a two-year period.**

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